

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

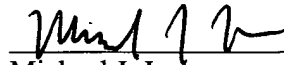
Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-26 are pending in the application, with 1 and 14 being the independent claims. In response to the Office Communication dated February 10, 2005, claims 14-26 have been amended to comply with the formalities of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b). Claims 1-13 are as filed in the Preliminary Amendment dated October 7, 2003.

**Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 566-1746.

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